

Clements Promoted to Brigadier General



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sam Daigle)

Roger F. "RC" Clements of York, Maine was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General during a ceremony at Pease Air National Guard Base in Newington on Oct. 31.

Family, friends, co-workers, and senior military leaders attended the heartfelt promotion at which Clements paid special tribute to his father, Roland Clements, who retired from the Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant.

Clements, who is the Director of the NH National Guard Joint Staff, honored his father as being the embodiment of selfless service.

"I am proud to carry on your legacy," Clements said to his father.

Maj. Gen. Bruce Tuxill, the Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard, officiated the ceremony at Clements' request in the absence of Maj. Gen. Kenneth Clark, the Adjutant General of the New Hampshire National Guard.

As director of the Joint Staff,

Clements' responsibilities include ensuring NH National Guard forces are prepared to conduct joint Army and Air Guard operations to include homeland defense and security.

His previous assignment was overseas as the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), Ramstein Air Base, Germany. In that role he advised the USAFE Commander, Directors, and staff on all operations involving Air National Guard assets in USAFE.

He provided liaison for USAFE with the National Guard Bureau, State Headquarters, and all ANG units, to help ensure optimum use of Air National Guard resources in the USAFE Theater of operations.

Clements was commissioned in the Air Force on June 2, 1976 upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy. He entered T-37 flight training at

Craig AFB, AL followed by T-38 flight training at Williams AFB, AZ.

Assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing at Pease AFB, he has flown over 4,500 hours in the KC-135 aircraft. His experience has included Aide-de-Camp to Commander 45th Air Division, Standardization/Evaluation Chief Pilot, Executive Officer to 157th Air Refueling Wing Commander, Chief of Flight Safety, and Director of Risk Management. Flight operations include support of Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, PROVIDE COMFORT, JOINT FORGE, NORTHERN WATCH, and CLEAN HUNTER.

Clements resides in York, Maine with his wife Gai and their two daughters, Kristina and Danielle.

Clements is the son of Roland and Augusta Clements of Bella Vista, AZ.

The balancing act of the Guard

Commander's Column

By Col. Richard P. Martell



I just looked back at the columns I've written for the last four December's, and there's one common theme. Each holiday season some portion of our wing is deployed over the holidays.

This year is no exception as the 2005 holiday season finds us with hundreds of folks deployed to Guam, Iraq, Germany, Afghanistan, and Qatar...to name a few.

I'm continually amazed at the dedication of American service personnel and of our Wing members in particular. This kind of dedication calls for each of us to perform a "fine balancing act" between the desire to serve our country and the needs of our families and employers. I truly

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hope that you're successful in this balancing act – because if not, something will have to give.

Don't hesitate to work through your chain of command if you find yourself overtasked. Our mission is long-term, and it's important to work together so you can continue to contribute.

For me, looking back, this will be the year of the Citizen Soldier as a State soldier. Our response to Katrina and to the floods in New Hampshire was superb and something each of you – regardless of whether you deployed or supported the mission from home station – should be proud of. It would have been easy to say that the disaster in Louisiana was someone else's problem.

Even after an aggressive overseas deployment schedule, a continuing Air Bridge mission, and the commitment to maintain your training level – you responded.

I will always look back at our deployment efforts to Louisiana and our response to the New Hampshire floods as two of our finest moments!

It is only fitting to me that after over four years of working together so superbly, we come together for our first-ever holiday meal in conjunction with the Year in Review. I am looking forward to it, and I hope you are too! I hope you have included your family in on this event if you can.

As we sit down for that meal, in a hanger with many of our fellow Citizen Soldiers, my thoughts will be on the ones who cannot join us – those who are carrying on our mission away from home. Please keep them in your thoughts.

From my family to yours – Have a wonderful holiday season. Take care.

Merry Christmas

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Holiday Greetings

As the holiday season approaches, it causes me to reflect on all of the Commander's Calls that I have attended and the hours of searching for the right message. Some of you will recall my efforts to focus on insuring the well-being of those for whom the Holidays are reminders of sad times and not the joy that so many of us have been blessed with.

This year, I encourage all of us to reflect on what it means to be an "American Soldier". Although the term would seem to apply to the Army, it really applies to everyone who raises their right hand and takes an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. For Guardsmen, it also includes an oath to support the State. During this past year, we also saw that it means to support other states if the Governor of New Hampshire offers his support through interstate compact.

I personally believe that we are blessed to be a nation founded on common principles and that our forefathers were careful to avoid allowing religious differences to divide us. Equally important is our right to believe as we choose without fear of retribution. Having faith is also important to soldiering and this season is a time for all of us to recharge our personal spiritual batteries.

Debbie and I wish all of you the happiest of holidays and the best wishes for a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Clark
Major General, NH National Guard
The Adjutant General

Holiday Greetings

My wife Donna and I extend to you, our Air National Guard family, our heartfelt thanks and best wishes during this Holiday Season. Special celebrations and gatherings bring families and friends together like no other time of year. We pray that you will enjoy and share the happiness that family, friends and loved ones provide.

Your dedicated service to our state and nation is an inspiration. I am grateful and proud to command such a fine organization. I am also keenly aware of the sacrifices made by our families and employers so that we may serve. I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to them, for without their support we would not have the successes we enjoy today.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for all that you do. Whether you are serving at home or abroad, I hope that this Holiday Season and the coming New Year are your happiest ever.

MARK F. SEARS, Brig Gen,
Commander, NHANG



The holiday season is not only a time of celebration, but for me, it is also a time to reflect upon the past and to look forward to the future. How quickly this year has gone by. There have been many significant experiences and Wing accomplishments.

Attendance at several receptions for returning Air Guard and Army Guard GWOT veterans will always be memorable. A visit to the NH Veterans Hospital for, "A Salute for Hospitalized Veterans" is something I'll never forget. I encourage anyone wanting to come away with a feeling of wholesome gratitude after helping to make a veteran feel special, to do so. I'll do this visit again.

This year has had our people deployed not only to Iraq, Afghanistan, Diego Garcia and Europe but also to New Orleans as well as Keene and Alstead. As one significant event enters, another one comes to share space-another important tasking and obligation. These have all been opportunities to show the world, the state, and the local communities our capability. Through the display of our capability, it is our inter-relationships that define us as a cohesive unit. It is the heartfelt unit pride that I cherish as much as the accomplishments and the memories.

During the summer I attended a Basic Military Training Graduation at Lackland AFB, Texas. Trust me, things have changed since my graduation many years ago. How proud I was of the four New Hampshire Air National Guard members graduating that day. I know that they will never forget the experience. Be proud of them, and all our new people, for their accomplishments. Their careers in our outfit are just beginning. They have so many opportunities and experiences to look forward to.

In light of the many accomplishments achieved this year-to many to list here-and looking forward to the future, I wish you contentment and well-deserved pride for what we've done together, and optimism for what the future brings to us and the New Hampshire National Guard.

CMSgt Eaton
Wing Command Chief Master Sgt.

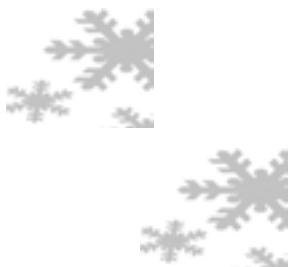
To all members of the New Hampshire Air National Guard

This is the sixth and final time I get to tell you how much I love the Holiday Season! I'm like a big kid who can't get enough of the excitement, anticipation, peace and goodwill that I feel when Christmas comes along. I wish I could somehow transfer those feelings to everyone who may not be as fortunate as I.

I already got a wonderful present. I got a great big dose of Hope for the future of our organization. The Airman of the Year selection board attracted some outstanding young Airmen as it has for the six years I have participated in the selection process. One cannot help but have confidence in a great future for the NHANG when one sees such bright, energetic people who are committed to the mission we all share: the defense of America and care for the state of New Hampshire and its neighbors. As I move toward retirement, these fine Citizen Airmen make me realize that I'm leaving the unit in good hands that are capable of bringing the NHANG to levels of excellence that were beyond my abilities.

Have a great holiday, take care of yourselves and your fellow Airmen, and thanks for making America a better place for all.

Ron Nadeau, CMSgt, NHANG
State Command Chief



Neighbors Helping Neighbors... Doing What the Guard Does Best!



By Master Sgt. Catherine R. Porter

Twenty-one New Hampshire Air National Guard members, along with seventy-five of our Army brothers and sisters from all over N.H., recently returned from a month long deployment with Task Force New Orleans. Our mission was to provide a "security presence" for the city in the month following Katrina. None of us really knew what to expect for this deployment. Details of the conditions of the storm ravaged city were still sketchy, so we didn't know what we were going to encounter. Also, most of our group was not trained as security forces, nor had never worked with our army counterparts before.

The first order of business for us airmen was a crash course in army culture, ("Can you say 'HOOAH!'?"). Prior to leaving for Louisiana, we all came together to form "G-Company". We were integrated directly into the army organization, with several of us serving in key roles as first sergeant, platoon sergeant, squad and team leaders as well as "Ops" and "Commo" NCOs. By the time we had spent our first night sleeping in the hangar together, we left N.H. as Granite-Staters united by the common purpose of "neighbors helping neighbors". This theme became even more profound for us after we arrived in New Orleans and were able to witness the devastation of this iconic American city first hand.

After arriving in New Orleans, "G-Company" became "G- Battery" under the Illinois National Guard Task Force Battalion. We were given our arming orders, and convoyed to our 'home'...the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital. We met up there with the Illinois unit, as well as the outgoing Battalion from Oklahoma. Until the "battle hand-off" later that week, we shared that facility with almost a thousand soldiers, (N.H. was the only "joint-army-air" unit). We picked-up our missions immediately, and went on 12-hour shifts patrolling the almost deserted streets. Our mission was to assist the New Orleans Police Department to ensure the lawlessness of the first few days after the hurricane did not return once the residents of the city were allowed back.

The accommodations and working conditions left much to be desired...the army teased us air force folks mercilessly..."Excuse me, but where is my hotel room?" The water was high in e-coli so it could only be used for flushing..that is, when the toilets were functioning. Showering at the portable

shower points, twenty miles away, was a weekly high point for us! And the persistent smell of rotting garbage was beyond nasty. We worked long hours, on little sleep, in hallways, conference rooms, offices and between library bookshelves.

But, any hardship we faced during our deployment paled in comparison to the destruction of our fellow Americans' homes, schools and livelihoods. Seeing the spray-painted symbols on homes identifying the numbers of bodies found inside, noticing the stained brown lines caused by flood waters along the walls of homes rise higher and higher in each neighborhood, watching stray animals pick through the mountains of garbage piled up on streets, was all very sobering. As the people of New Orleans started to come back to their homes for the first time since evacuating, we all heard the harrowing stories of the storm. Tales of rescues from roof tops, and Superdome experiences were numerous. We witnessed the touching reunions of families and neighbors, and assisted and comforted countless residents as they sorted through their possessions in their ruined homes. Unfailingly, the "Thank-you for being here!" came from everyone we met. Riding along Tchoupitoulas Street in a humvee felt like being in a parade with all the waves and thumbs-up we received! As N.H. was experiencing our own floods in October, many New Orleanians, (after learning where we were from), consoled us with "Ya'll are in our prayers!" Yours truly was never prouder to be wearing a military uniform.

Our mission was a success. The re-population of New Orleans went smoothly without the huge spike in the crime rate that was once predicted.

"Golf"-Battery members volunteered their time, (during their one and only 24-hour pass), to clean-up a local church and school-yards. The airmen of Golf offered our skills, ingenuity, team work-ethic and positive attitudes to the mission. The soldiers of Golf, (many of whom just recently returning from Iraq and Afghanistan) shared their army training and expertise with us, as well as some very descriptive phrases to use when things go terribly wrong, (sorry, can't print them in this publication)! As a result, there grew a mutual respect, admiration and friendship among soldiers and airman in Golf Battery. In short, we did what the Guard does best...neighbors helping neighbors!



**Oh and by the way, we're all
invited back for Mardi
Gras...HOOAH!**

Congratulations to our annual award winners



**Military Officer's Association
Outstanding First Term Airman
of the Year: Staff Sgt. Jason P.
Veziris**

Criteria for the award: The MOA Award is given to an outstanding enlisted person in the NHANG who is serving in his or her first six year enlistment, the last two

years of which must be in the

NHANG. The award recognizes job knowledge, cooperation, willingness to volunteer for additional duties, and enthusiasm for training and education, in both the military and civilian worlds.

Accomplishments: He has demonstrated 100% precision, accuracy and dependability while handling COMSEC and classified material in the Combat Crew Communications Shop. Contributed significantly to the EXCELLENT rating received by the Crewcom Shop this year from the AMC COMSEC Manager. Stepped in while more experienced shop personnel deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is active in his community working in Youth sports and with his parish.

**Airman of the Year: Senior
Airman Rebekah Blanchard**

Criteria for the award: Airmen in the grades E-1 to E-4 must show exceptional accomplishments in leadership and job performance, must show significant self-improvement and must be involved in base and/or community activities.

Accomplishments: Developed an efficient process to review and reconstruct all unit medical records in preparation for the upcoming Health Services Inspection. Played a significant role in the speedy deployment of Wing personnel in support of the Hurricane Katrina contingency. Volunteered for Operation Grizzly where she provided medical support to military members working on the US/Mexican border patrol. She is a UNH student in a premed program and carries a 3.6 GPA. In her spare time, she is a volunteer EMT in the Greenland Fire Dept, and helps out at a local nursing home and soup kitchen.



**Spirit of Hope Award: Tech. Sgt.
Jamie D. Watson**

Criteria for the Award: This award, named after Bob Hope, is for junior enlisted members (TSgt and below) who embodies the traditional values of men and women in the military: duty, honor, courage, loyalty, commitment and integrity. TSgt Watson is the state

nominee for this national award.

Accomplishments: His professionalism and expertise in the Life Support career field have been the key to establishing superior training programs for Life Support personnel as well as ensuring 100% aircrew certification in equipment use, knowledge and wear. He made significant contributions to the EXCELLENT rating received in the Life Support and Survival Evasion Resistance training program during a recent UCI. He rose to the occasion to support the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and gives his time to several base sponsored activities such as Boy Scout and Civil Air Patrol tours and the Pease Kids Corps events. He is also active in his community coaching girls soccer at a local high school.

**NCO of the Year: Tech. Sgt.
Ronald B. Connary, Jr**

Criteria for the Award: Airmen in the grades E-5 and E-6 must show exceptional accomplishments in leadership and job performance, must show significant self-improvement and must be involved in base and/or community activities.

Accomplishments: Has continually expanded the number and types of vehicles he is qualified to maintain. Takes the time to learn how to repair sub-components rather than simply replacing them, thus saving money (over \$8,000 this year) and getting vehicles back on the road faster. Achieved a 93% vehicle in-commission rate for the vehicles assigned to him for repair. Volunteered to deploy to Iraq to retrofit vehicles with armor plates. Worked very long hours in accomplishing this project which has saved many lives. While in Iraq, he volunteered to care for sick and wounded troops in the Army Field Hospital. He is the Branch training NCO and the Safety NCO. He is training to become a NH State Hunter Safety Instructor and is involved in a program in his community which introduces children to hunting and fishing.



ners; six just announced



Senior NCO of the Year: Master Sgt. William A. Russell, Jr

Criteria for the Award: Airmen in the grades E-7 to E-9 must show exceptional accomplishments in leadership and job performance, must show significant self-improvement and must be involved in base and/or community activities.

Accomplishments: Expertly manages about one billion dollars in base facilities and the NHANG's second largest budget. Plans and schedules CE Squadron training and work activities on a UTA. Worked long and difficult hours managing snow removal activities on Pease insuring that contingency operations and flying training resume as fast as possible after snow storms. Is the squadron's unit security manager and was recognized by the Security Forces as having "the best program seen to date". Was the CE Squadron IGX focal point and was personally recognized by the IGX inspectors for his efforts. Is currently taking courses for his Bachelor's degree and is carrying a 4.0 GPA. Continues to take additional facility manager courses to receive a certification held by only 1% of facility managers in the Air Force. Completed the Senior NCO Academy Correspondence course and continues to work on an Associates degree in Civil Engineering Operations Management from CCAF (will graduate this Spring). Responded to the flood crisis in West NH this Fall by deploying there twice. Is a senior member of the Base Honor Guard and is a part-time police officer in his community.

First Sergeant of the Year: Master Sgt. Carolyn Chute-Festervan

Criteria for the Award: Airmen currently assigned as First Sergeants must show exceptional accomplishments in leadership and job performance, must show significant self-improvement and must be involved in base and/or community activities.

Accomplishments: Works with the Squadron leadership team to see to the welfare of all assigned Airmen. Assists in preparing the plan for the unit's annual two-week training period. Provides caring assistance to deploying personnel and their families from departure to reintegration. Worked with one of the Squadron's chiefs to provide leadership during the Squadron commander's deployment for Iraqi Freedom. Provided important direction and assistance to a squadron member who was attending tech school at Keesler Training Center in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Works on Wing personnel issues as a member of the First Sergeant's Council. Deployed to West NH with the rest of her ATCSq troops to respond to the flood crisis there. Is near completion of her SNCO Academy correspondence course and attends various adult education classes to better her professional capabilities. She is active in her community's youth softball, baseball and soccer programs.



Think Snow

Duty day and there is a lot of Snow? Here is the Phone Info you need to know.



The Pease ANG Snow phone number is 603-430-2556 and is used to report delays or closures to Pease ANGB. If there is no current message on the line, then you may assume that it is a normal workday at Pease.



N.H. Guard serves needs at home



(Photo Major Bill Davis)

Maj. Bob Blonigen stands on what's left of the flood-damaged Cold River Bridge in Walpole, NH.

Family Program Updates

By Bonnie Rice, Family Program Coordinator

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800-472-0328



FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Our next gathering will be December 7, 6 p.m. here at Pease. The number of families that are planning to attend will determine the location. All families of deployed members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending these meeting please RSVP (as soon as possible) so the location and meal can be planned. I encourage all families of the deployed to attend. Our monthly support group gatherings are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month. **YELLOW PAGES:** Remember the families of our deployed military this winter season by providing your area of expertise to our Yellow Page Listing. Your help can ease the added stresses these families are under while their spouse is away on a deployment



or an extended TDY. If you have expertise in electrical, plumbing, auto mechanics, computers, you are just an overall handyman (or jack of all trades); or have a snowplow that you are willing to assist a family with this winter we want your number. We are looking for people who will provide a free or discounted service to our military families in need. If you would like to become a part of our Yellow Pages, please contact Bonnie Rice via mail or email to fill out yellow page volunteer form. Please call for more information. Volunteers

and families are connected via this yellow page listing through the family program. These services are not limited to the seacoast area - volunteers as well as the families live throughout New Hampshire, Maine and Mass.

This yellow page listing is kept confidential and is not released without the permission of the volunteer.

NH MILITARY FAMILY SKI DAY

Mark your calendars for the tentative date of Sunday, February 27th, for our next NH Military Family Ski Day to be held at Pats Peak. Details and sign up info to follow soon.



Volunteers to assist with this event are encouraged to call the Family Program.

UPCOMING 1st ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL:

Sunday, December 4, 2005 is our 1st Annual Winter Carnival for the families of the NH Air National Guard. The Winter Carnival will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Hanger #253. At 10:00 members will be asked to attend the Wing Commander's Call - at approximately 11:30 families will be invited to join the unit members in Hanger #254 for our Wing Wide Holiday Meal. (Prior reservations for the meal Required). Volunteers are welcome! Call the Wing Family Program Office if you wish to assist in the activities of the day or for further information

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Babysitters Class:

Several N.H. Air National Guard Youth completed their "Babysitters Certification Class" at the American Red Cross. Congratulations to all of our A.N.G "Certified Babysitters". The next American Red Cross Babysitter's Course for our NH Air National Guard Youth - is scheduled for Saturday, January 7, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. To be held at the Red Cross Office in Newington. The Class size is limited



to 10 participants and is being offered for youth ages 11-15. If there is additional interest, I will put together another class. Please call the Family Program to arrange for your youth to be added to other upcoming babysitting classes.

First Aide Class

Youth that have competed the Babysitter's Class may have an opportunity to participate in a First Aide Class also to be held at the Red Cross in Newington on Saturday, January 7. Details are available at the Family Program Office. (Please note - details are still being worked on the First Aide Class.)

VFW Holiday Party

December 17, 2005 from 12 a.m. - 3 p.m. the Portsmouth VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #168 will host a holiday party for our military youth. Children ages 4 months to 12 yrs old are invited to attend. Lunch will be served. Activities will be planned to make this a fun day. Volunteers are always welcome. Space is limited - this is based on first come first served basis. To reserve your child's spot call the Wing Family Program Office no later than December 9, 2005. A snow date has been reserved for the following day December 18, 2005. A message will be left on the answering machine at (603)-430-3545 should the event be postponed, so if the weather is questionable call to verify that the event is still happening.

Military Discount Info

The WOKQ Homeland Helper has quite a listing of local businesses that offer military discounts at http://www.wokq.com/messageboards/homeland_helper.shtml.

Chief Brown Retires after 42 years

By 2nd Lt. James Wallace



Photo by Senior Airman Kenneth Schauss

On November 5, 2005, after 42 plus years of honorable service, Chief Master Sgt. Larry Brown retired from the 157 ARW, Pease ANGB, NH. During the ceremony he

was recognized for his illustrious career with The Meritorious Service Medal and the First Oak Leaf Cluster.

Chief Brown's career with the NHANG began at Grenier Field on September 7, 1963. In 1967, the Guard Unit moved from Grenier to Pease and in February of 1968, the future Chief became a fulltime technician working in Vehicle Maintenance. Chief Brown was the last airman of the current active force here at Pease to have both enlisted and worked at Grenier Field.

In 1987 Senior Master Sergeant Brown replaced CMS Manny Phillips as the Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent. In 1990 with Pease active duty Air Force base closure, the NHANG vehicle maintenance fleet of about 67 vehicles increased to about 145 vehicles and the fulltime manning went from 6 to 11.

On the 23rd of February 2000 the then Senior Master Sergeant was promoted to Chief. In October 2004, the Chief retired from his technician position. These last 13 months the Chief has served the Logistics Readiness Squadron in a military capacity.

"The Gift that Keeps on Giving!"

By the Chaplain Staff

Here we are at the eve of the holidays that we both loathe and love! We loathe it because of the commercialism and the high-speed chase of the perfect gift for our friends and loved ones. Loved because of the warmth and joy that gift giving and receiving brings. If you are blessed and have children, recall the look in their eyes and faces as they tore into their lovingly wrapped packages. How alive and joyful they were as they extracted the hidden treasure from beneath the shimmering paper and foil. Even our own childhood time of receiving gifts brings warmth and happiness to our hearts. What great memories and joy!

The one gift that is often overlooked, given each and everyday, is that of our very selves.

Inevitably, no matter how hard we may try, sometimes the gift we choose does not bring the hoped for reaction. The same thing can happen with our selves as we go about our daily lives. Each day we are a gift that can bring either joy or disappointment especially for our children, co-workers and neighbors. From the moment of birth, our children are taking "mind" snapshots of us. At some point, they do something and we ask, "Where did they learn that?" and if we are honest we will most likely find that we have modeled it for them in our lives. Our coworkers and neighbors see us day after day and I wonder what type of a gift they see within us? Are we a joy to behold? Are we hard working, honest, caring, sensitive, compassionate, welcoming, sincere, selfless and concerned? Have we embraced the Air Force Core Values? Or are we self-seeking, gossipy, uncaring, cranky, unprofessional, and insincere? As a present to our family, coworkers, neighbors are we a gift that they would like to keep or return?

However as we answer those questions there is good news. If we are something that is cherished and wanted, then as a gift we are a great success. If we need a little work to be a better gift, there is time to do just that. Remember antiques are old and sometimes they are not exactly in mint condition, but with some work and loving care, they quickly can become a very valuable possession.

We hope you find yourself to be the "gift that keeps on giving" in the months and years ahead. The Chaplain Staff wishes to one and all, God's Blessings during this holiday season and a successful and peaceful New Year!



260th ATCS Conquers 26.2 Miles



From left to right:
Phil Erwin,
Gregg Fournier,
Darrell Whitney,
Jeffrey Kipp and
Justin Beaudry

NHANG Photo by Rachel Fournier

Five members of the 260th Air Traffic Control Squadron completed the Cape Cod Marathon on 30 Oct 2005. They all trained and overcame obstacles such as rainy weather, personal injuries and with 2 weeks prior to the race; State Active Duty to Keene. Kudos to Master Sgt. Erwin for a new Personal Record (3 hours and 37 minutes) and to Master Sgt. Whitney and Senior Airman Beaudry as it was there first marathon. Everyone is looking forward to next year's marathon.

First Sgt. Position Vacancy

By Chief Master Sgt. Jamie A. Lawrence

The 157th Maintenance Squadron (MXS) will be interviewing candidates for their First Sergeant position in February, 2006. Personnel who are interested and meet the minimum qualifications must send a resume to 157 ARW/CCM, Attention Chief Eaton, no later than 15 January 2006. The resume should include a short biography that includes military experience, civilian experience, PME, other education and a statement about why the candidate wants to be a First Sergeant. Information about the duties of the First Sergeant is in AFMAN 36-2108 and AFI 36-2113. Minimum qualifications include:

*Must be a Master Sgt. or Tech. Sgt. who meets all requirements and is immediately eligible for promotion to Master Sgt.

*Must have a fitness score of 75 or better and possess the ability to run the 1.5-mile run.

*Must attend the First Sergeant Academy, which is 3 weeks, as soon as possible, but no later than one year after assignment.

*Must have three years retain ability.

*Must agree to serve tenure of no less than three years after the completion of the First Sergeant Academy.

*Must meet either an Administrative score of 45 or higher, or a general score of 58 or higher in the ASVAB. The selection board for this position will take place in February 2006. Candidates will be notified about the time and place as soon as possible. Any changes to this process will be communicated to all concerned. For questions, call Chief Eaton at X2722.

Menu

Saturday, December 3, 2005

Roast Rib Of Beef
Baked ham
Shrimp Cocktail
Glazed Sweet Potatoes
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Peas with Carrots
Sauteed Mushrooms and Onions
Salad Bar
Assorted Deserts

Sunday, December 4, 2005

Commander's Call Luncheon

PLEASE NOTE:

Menu may be subject to change

Public Affairs jobs

Two journalists needed

The Public Affairs Office is currently looking for a Public Affairs Specialist. If you are interested in print journalism and enjoy writing, editing, photography, desktop publishing and working with the news media, we would like to



hear from you. For those who aren't AFSC qualified, the Public Affairs Basic Course is twelve weeks at Fort George Meade, MD. If you are interested please contact 2LT James Wallace in the Public Affairs Office at x3577.

IN MEMORIAM

By (Ret) Senior Master Sgt.
Valerie R. Morgan



The New Hampshire Air National Guard is saddened by the recent loss of Senior Master Sgt. (Ret.) Ray Roberge, a former member of the 157th Resource Management Squadron. We will remember him and his family in our prayers.

Air Traffic Control Squadron ready Completing ORE in November



(NHANG Photo by Senior Airman Kenneth Schauss)

Members of the 260 ATCS put on their thinking caps during the November Operational Readiness Exercise Training to prepare for an upcoming inspection. They are pictured here working to configure generator power to supply the mobile radar during the three day ORE held over the November drill. From left to right, Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Vanjoolen, Tech. Sgt. James R. Albano III, Staff Sgt. David P. St. Denis, Tech. Sgt. Henry Padilla.

The Recruiter Rap

By Senior Airman Darsy Cote and the recruiting staff

Recruiting Events: Dover Christmas Parade - Please contact Msgr. Eldridge (603)-430-3137 if you would like to take part in this event.

Recruiting Events that you might have missed: In this month of Holiday spirit the recruiting office has something to sing about. We have a new recruiter! Please congratulate Tech. Sgt. Beverly Wallace. For those of you who don't know Tech. Sgt. Wallace, she comes from the LRS and just recently returned from a tour in the desert. She will be a much needed asset and we look forward to seeing her in action.



Want to earn some paid time off? We, here at the Recruiting office, know that having time off is a wonderful thing. If you want to earn some easy time off, simply refer a friend! All you need to do is tell them about all the great benefits of the NH Air National Guard and show them the way to become a new member of the Guard. If they enlist, you get a half day (4 hour time period) off and possibly a gift from the Recruiting Team as well. Please contact our office at 1-800-257-9368

HELP WANTED! We are always looking for help. If you would like to visit your alma mater with the recruiting team please call us anytime. 1-800-257-9368 or 430-2798, or DSN 852-2798. We have many great opportunities for you to get the word out about the Air Guard and to experience the feeling of pride you get by telling individuals about our unit.

Promotions

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*Michael L. Daggett

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*Kenneth L. Hoyt

*Michael B. McInnis

*Mark L. Varnadore

*Gary P. Thomas Jr.

*Kevin J. Court



(Photo by Maj. Bill Davis)

While waiting for a ride back to Pease, 260th ATC squadron members play mud ball behind the Keene Armory after a week of State Active Duty.

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Miranda Montgomery (Former LS) graduated from Hesser College last May with a Dual Associates of Science in Criminal Justice – one in Law Enforcement and one in Corrections, Probation, and Parole. She is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree and enrolled in the 3 + 3 Program where she will be attending the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover in the Fall of 2006 to pursue a Law Degree in Corporate Law for International Business. Miranda is currently working part-time as a Veteran's Aide at the New Hampshire Employment Security Office in Somersworth. She serves as the Senior Vice President of the Ladies Auxillary for the VFW Post 8393 in Milton. Miranda says hello to all her friends here in the NHANG and hopes everyone is doing well.

The Air Force Sergeants Association has recently awarded **Amanda I. Frohn**, daughter of **Susan and Paul Frohn (CES)** with the William Sowers Memorial Scholarship. Paul is a Life Member of AFSA and a traditional guardsman in the Civil Engineer Squadron. **Lena J. Grenier (FM)** was awarded the Neal Powers Memorial Scholarship. Lena is a full-time technician in the Finance Office and a member of Chapter 155. Kudos to Amanda and Lena!

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS TIME, FOLKS! SEE YOU IN DECEMBER & HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Finance Fun Facts!

By Major William R. Davis

#1. To get your accurate mileage payment, make sure you claim round trip mileage on the back of travel orders, not one way mileage



#2. AROWS Is On Target! The new Air National Guard/Reserve Order Writing System (AROWS) implementation period has begun. AROWS is a dramatic improvement over our current 20-year old order writing system and you'll be hearing a lot about it in the coming months. Training will begin in spring of 06 and full implementation is scheduled for FY07.





Guard Talk

by (Ret.) Senior Master Sgt. Valerie Morgan
HRO Administrative Support Technician

Guard Talk welcomes your submissions. If you have something interesting or a special event that you'd like to share, please give me a call at tel: (603) 430-2349, fax: 430-3139 or drop a line to 157 ARW/HRO Bldg 16, 302 Newmarket Street, Pease ANGB, NH 03803-0157
E-mail: valerie.morgan@NHPEAS.ANG.AF.MIL

· Congratulations to **John Mirabello (MDG)** who recently started working at Rochester Obstetrics & Gynecology at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester. John is the Chief of Aerospace Medicine in the 157th Medical Group. He lives in Belmont with his wife, **Carolyn Canlas**, and daughter, **Jasmine**, 18. Jasmine received a scholarship last summer from the Portsmouth Shipyard Commissary through the Scholarships for Military Children Program. She is now a freshman attending Saint Anselm College in Manchester. Congrats to Jasmine as well!

· Warmest wishes to **Kelley Richards and Mike Warren (MXS)** who were married September 6 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. The bride's best friend, **Tammy Hale**, was the maid of honor. Mike's brother, **Scott Warren**, served as best man. In attendance at the ceremony were **Paul Richards**, father of the bride, **Noah** and **Nicholas Poole**, sons of the bride, and **David Frashier**, a member of the 121st ARW at Rickenbacker, ANGB, Ohio, who served a year of duty with the NHANG to support the ongoing 24-hour Air Bridge Operation. Mike is

the superintendent of the Engine Shop in the Maintenance Squadron. Kelley is employed full-time by Federal Savings bank in Portsmouth as a teller. Mike has three children, **Michael, Matthew, and Erin Warren**. The newlyweds spent a week in Las Vegas. They make their home in North Hampton.

· **Linda and Gary Broadbent (RET ANG/CCM)** are the proud new grandparents of **Grady Edward McNamara** who was born September 15. Grady weighed in at 9 lbs. 15 oz and measured 22 ½ inches long. He is the firstborn son of Gary and Linda's daughter, **Melissa**, and her husband, **Shawn McNamara**, of Deltona, Florida, not too far from Grandma and Grandpa. We hear that Linda will be the official babysitter when Melissa goes back to teaching in Orlando and Gary just might quit his part-time job to help! Everyone is doing fine and enjoying this new little bundle of joy. Gary is a former member of the 157th ARW who retired as the Air National Guard's Command Chief Master Sergeant.

· Please welcome **Sofia Alexia Teran**, newborn baby daughter of

Esdeybi and Carlos Teran (MDG) who arrived on October 3. Sofia weighed in at 6 lbs 2 oz and measured 18 ½ inches long. Carlos is a Financial Center Manager for Wachovia Bank in Port Chester, New York. He is a traditional guard member in the Medical Squadron where he served as First Sergeant. Esdeybi works for Century 21 as a transaction coordinator. The family resides in Norwalk, Connecticut.

· Congratulations to **Sandy Carels (RET MDG)** and **Randy Fowler** who exchanged wedding vows October 8 at the United Methodist Church in Auburn, Maine. **Pastor Richard Cullen** officiated at the ceremony. The bride's uncle, **David Duffield**, gave the bride away. Father of the Bride, **William Carels**, was recuperating from open heart surgery the week prior. Maid of Honor was **Delores Deal** and the Best Man was **Mark Howland**. The couple arrived at the Sedgley Place in Greene, Maine by horse and carriage for a dinner with family and friends. Beautiful harp and flute music, as well as bagpipes, were played during the ceremony and reception. Sandy is employed by Idexx Laboratories in Westbrook, Maine. Randy is employed by Maine Medical Center in Portland. A honeymoon trip to Hawaii is planned for 2006. The couple reside in their newly built home in New Gloucester.

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Drill Dates:

Dec. 3 & 4
Jan. 7 & 8
Feb. 4 & 5
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